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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This communication is in response to applicant's amendment filed November 28, 2005.
Claims 1-5 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art disclosed in page 1 of the specification. Hereinafter, referred to as APA.

With respect to claim 1, APA discloses a method of assigning radio channels to a set of base stations in a wireless network, comprising:

determining a set of radio channels to include all radio channels which said set of base stations have at their disposal for communication (page 1, lines 8-9, wireless local area networks have 13 radio channels at their disposal), and

assigning one radio channel out of said determined set of radio channels to each base station during manufacture of the base stations (page 1, lines 9-10, one of which the base station determines to be used for local area network communication) in such a way that each radio channel in said determined set of radio channels is assigned substantially an equal number of times (page 1, lines 16-17, whereby for example the same radio channel is selected as the default

value for all base stations. Herein, that same radio channel is assigned substantially an equal number of times).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest determining a given order for the radio channels either in ascending or descending order, selecting and assigning radio channels to base stations according to order numbers during the manufacture of the base stations, as specified in dependent claim 2. The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest assigning a randomly selected radio channel out of the determined set of radio channels to the first base station or to each base station during the manufacture of the base stations, as specified in dependent claims 3 and 5. The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest assigning a radio channel derived on the basis on an individual serial number of the base station out of the determined set of radio channels to each base station during the manufacture of the base stations, as specified in dependent claim 4.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sharp et al (US Patent No. 5,692,031) discloses method for configuring a base station.

Deutsch (US Patent No. 5,848,095) discloses system and method for using pre-established frequency assignments.

Haartsen (US Patent No. 5,884,145) discloses method and system for autonomously allocating a cellular communications channel for communication between a cellular terminal data and a telephone base station.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh-Vu H. Ly whose telephone number is 571-272-3175. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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